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CUSTER, SD**

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Digest: 2704.34 - Outlines new, and clarifies and consolidates existing, delegations of authority to District Rangers for special use permits, with special conditions.

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2704.34 - Authority for approving special use permits with terms of 5 years or less is delegated to the District Rangers. All new authorizations (new uses) with a term of more than one year and all permits with a waived fee must have a pre-review by the Forest Staff. Authority for approving special use permits, with terms of more than 5 years, remains with the Forest Supervisor. **Exceptions:** District Rangers may issue 10 year Outfitter/Guide permits and Recreation Residence permits after review by Forest Staff.

Outfitter/Guide:

Outfitter/Guide permits for new uses will not be authorized until a prospectus has been issued to determine if there is any competitive interest. The policy is for the District to determine appropriate recreation uses and then to solicit outfitters to satisfy this demand, if it can be accommodated.

Inter-District outfitter/guide permits will usually be issued by the District having the largest part of the use, after approval by the other District(s). Exceptions to consider are where a more convenient District contact can be made by the permittee.

Complete copies of all District Ranger issued permits will be sent to the Forest Supervisor.

Please note that R2 Supplement 2700-2002-1 (blue pages), issued 3/12/2002, states current special use permits that were approved by District Rangers for longer than five years, except standardized authorizations, are invalid and are not in full force and effect. This Delegation of Authority will serve as Forest Supervisor approval of those special use permits already authorized by the District Ranger, as of 1/15/2003, that exceeded the five-year term.

District Rangers will not substitute short-term permits for longer term permits in order to expedite the signing of permits, unless approved by the Forest Supervisor. Consult FSH 2709.11-2004-3 (chapter 10) for recommended or maximum lengths of term associated with specific uses.

District Rangers may approve annual operating plans under existing concession special use authorizations (FSM 2721).

District Rangers may approve "Application and Utilities Route Plans" (BH-2700-2) for uses covered under existing power and telephone line special use authorizations, according to the working agreement between the Forest Service and Utility Company.

District Rangers may not waive special use fees for any authorization without prior approval by the Forest Supervisor. Districts will submit written justification for fee waivers to the Supervisor's Office, and the Forest Supervisor will submit a written response to the request. This applies to both new authorizations and existing authorizations upon re-issuance.